# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2881
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REGISTRATION OF SAW MILLS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether all the saw mills in the country are to be registered compulsorily with an appropriate authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of saw-mills registered till date, State-wise;

(d) whether no saw-mill is permitted to operate within 5 kms of the border of a reserve forest or game sanctuary; and

(e) if so, the details of the guidelines framed on the location of saw-mills near reserve forests?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Issue of saw mill licence in different States/Union Territories is governed under the provisions of the concerned State Forest Act or Indian Forest Act as amended for the States. However, Hon`ble Supreme Court by its order dated 29thOctober 2002 in Writ Petition(Civil) No.202/1995 has directed to close all unlicenced saw mills forthwith.

(d) & (e) The minimum distance from the boundary of the forests for the location of the saw mill is governed by the rules and regulations framed in this regard by the concerned States/Union Territories under the provisions applicable under State Forest Act or Indian Forest Act. No rules, uniformly applicable in the country, have been framed in this regard.